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Representative values for transmitter power and antenna gain  
to support inter- and intra-compatibility and sharing analysis;  
Part 1: Digital point-to-point systems**

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## Foreword

This Technical Report (TR) has been produced by ETSI Technical Committee Access, Terminals, Transmission and Multiplexing (ATTM).

Major variants with respect to previous published version:

- alignment of terminology and system identification method to latest version of EN 302 217-2-2 [i.4];
- introduction of typical parameters also for bands above 55 GHz (i.e. 60 GHz and 71 GHz to 86 GHz);
- updating due to technology evolution.

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## Introduction

As a consequence of the development of the multipart EN 302 217 [i.2] to [i.7], which was intended to supersede a number of older point-to-point equipment and antenna ENs, hereby referenced as "source ENs", all previous requirements have been reconsidered in the light of Directive 1999/5/EC (R&TTE Directive) [i.1] in order to clearly split them between those that are relevant to article 3.2 of R&TTE Directive [i.1] and other requirements of normative nature (as in previous regime before R&TTE Directive coming into force) or even considered informative for the EN users.

In particular EN 302 217-2-2 [i.4] and EN 302 217-3 [i.5] recognized that, besides frequency band around 60 GHz, where oxygen absorption becomes very high, and cases specifically mentioned in Radio Regulations [i.13], limits for TX output power do not fall in any of the above categories. Regulatory bodies are generally fixing limits for the licensing but no ECC common view is expressed in any ECC Decision; on the other hand it is not ETSI's role to impose limits to technology evolution and market demands.

As a consequence the "maximum" power figures, historically fixed in those older "source ENs", have been removed from the requirements in EN 302 217-2-2 [i.4] and EN 302 217-3 [i.5], which ask for "supplier declaration" of actual TX power and its tolerance to be used as limits for assessment against R&TTE Directive [i.1], article 3.2 requirements.

However, those values were often used as a basis for intra and inter-services coexistence and sharing studies. It was therefore considered that information about "typical-maximum" TX power (i.e. those coming from practical technology and practical system deployment constraints) would still be usefully maintained in the present document for any such purpose.

Having removed them from regulatory HEN "hard-limits", the present document gives information more close to actual reality of Fixed Service (FS) currently deployed; this would lead to much more balanced sharing studies and planning assumptions, leaving only very few cases, potentially exceeding those values to real "special cases" to be treated on a case-by-case basis according the principles of "proportionality" introduced by the "New Approach" set of EU Directives.

Together with TX power information, it was considered necessary to also give similar antenna gain information for the definition, of "typical-maximum" E.I.R.P. that, in the same fashion, would give the complete information needed for the mentioned sharing/planning studies.

In the band 57 GHz to ~ 64 GHz the peak value of the O<sub>2</sub> ray absorption results in very specific propagation conditions with a high potential of frequency reuse; for this reason CEPT has approved ECC/REC(09)01 [i.9] (superseding previous ERC Recommendation 12-09 [i.8] limited to 57 GHz to 59 GHz band only) for an uncoordinated use of the band or with simplified link notification procedures. No additional regulatory requirements have been set for P-P applications; however, as frequency optimization mechanism, EN 302 217-3 [i.5] considers in its scope only equipment that fulfils minimum E.I.R.P./Antenna gain joint profiles. In addition, manufacturers are free to implement other network optimization features (e.g. automatic channel selection).

The bands 71 GHz to 76 GHz and 81 GHz to 86 GHz have also been open to P-P applications. Here the oxygen absorption attenuation nullifies again and the band use might be considered similar to 38 GHz and 42 GHz bands when taking into account the obvious increasing impact of rain attenuation; however, standing the very wide bandwidth available and for stimulating the band deployment, different policies might be applied in different CEPT countries.

From the ETSI standards point of view, the band is considered to be either conventionally coordinated or with simplified coordination (self coordinated with simple notification in the links data-base) or even fully uncoordinated. Manufacturers and/or administrations can refer either only to EN 302 217-3 [i.5] (i.e. for the minimum requirements when the band is not conventionally coordinated) or also to EN 302 217-2-2 [i.4] (i.e. for the additional requirements needed for link-by-link coordination).

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# 1 Scope

The present document summarizes, in relation to the various frequency bands and sub-system types given in the multipart EN 302 217 [i.2] to [i.7], information in relation to current practical bounds coming from technology and deployment practice about:

- Typical-maximum TX power (see note).
- Typical-maximum antenna size and gain.
- Exceptional antenna size and gain.

NOTE: This should not be intended as the power delivered by equipment currently on the market; it indicates the level that is reasonably achievable by FS technology in each band and might be rendered available standing suitable market opportunities justifying the cost/benefit trade off.

Antenna gain is also related to its expected typical antenna size, which nowadays, for its ambient impact, is another important factor limiting, in practice, most of FS deployments.

The above values are here reported here due to a lack of any ECC harmonized regulations. In the event that such ECC regulations would come into force, it would supersede any less restrictive information given in the present document.

In the band 57 GHz to 64 GHz CEPT promotes an uncoordinated or simplified use of the band as outlined in ECC Recommendation (09)01 [i.9]. Also in the band 64 GHz to 66 GHz ECC Recommendation (05)02 [i.10] provides for simplified channel arrangement suitable for simplified regulatory approach (e.g. light licensing/notification).

In the bands 71 GHz to 76 GHz and 81 GHz to 86 GHz ECC Recommendation (05)07 [i.11] provides flexible arrangements suitable for both simplified regulatory approach (e.g. light licensing/notification) or conventional coordination; CEPT administrations would freely select the approach best fitting their policy for the bands.

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# 2 References

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## 2.1 Normative references

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Not applicable.

## 2.2 Informative references

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- [i.1] Directive 1999/5/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 1999 on radio equipment and telecommunications terminal equipment and the mutual recognition of their conformity (R&TTE Directive).
- [i.2] ETSI EN 302 217-1: "Fixed Radio Systems; Characteristics and requirements for point-to-point equipment and antennas; Part 1: Overview and system-independent common characteristics".

- [i.3] ETSI EN 302 217-2-1 "Fixed Radio Systems; Characteristics and requirements for point-to-point equipment and antennas; Part 2-1: System-dependent requirements for digital systems operating in frequency bands where frequency co-ordination is applied".
- [i.4] ETSI EN 302 217-2-2 "Fixed Radio Systems; Characteristics and requirements for point-to-point equipment and antennas; Part 2-2: Digital systems operating in frequency bands where frequency co-ordination is applied; Harmonized EN covering the essential requirements of Article 3.2 of the R&TTE Directive".
- [i.5] ETSI EN 302 217-3: "Fixed Radio Systems; Characteristics and requirements for point-to-point equipment and antennas; Part 3: Equipment operating in frequency bands where both frequency coordinated or uncoordinated deployment might be applied; Harmonized EN covering the essential requirements of article 3.2 of the R&TTE Directive".
- [i.6] ETSI EN 302 217-4-1 "Fixed Radio Systems; Characteristics and requirements for point-to-point equipment and antennas; Part 4-1: System-dependent requirements for antennas".
- [i.7] ETSI EN 302 217-4-2 "Fixed Radio Systems; Characteristics and requirements for point-to-point equipment and antennas; Part 4-2: Antennas; Harmonized EN covering the essential requirements of article 3.2 of the R&TTE Directive".
- [i.8] CEPT/ERC/REC 12-09 (withdrawn): "Radio frequency channel arrangement for fixed service systems operating in the band 57,0 - 59,0 GHz which do not require frequency planning".
- [i.9] ECC/REC(09)01: "Use of the 57 - 64 GHz frequency band for point-to-point fixed wireless systems".
- [i.10] ECC/REC(05)02: "Use of the 64-66 GHz frequency band for fixed service".
- [i.11] ECC/REC(05)07 (2009): "Radio frequency channel arrangements for fixed service systems operating in the bands 71-76 GHz and 81-86 GHz".
- [i.12] Recommendation ITU-R E.746-10: "Radio-frequency arrangements for fixed service systems".
- [i.13] ITU Radio Regulations (2008).
- [i.14] Recommendation ITU-T G.708: "Sub STM-0 network node interface for the synchronous digital hierarchy (SDH)".

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## 3 Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

### 3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms and definitions apply:

**absolute maximum transmitter power:** maximum permitted power requested in point-to-point ENs, which constitute the "source ENs" for the multipart EN 302 217 series (see summary in annex C of EN 302 217-1 [i.2])

NOTE: It was judged as "not relevant" to "essential parameters" under article 3.2 of the R&TTE Directive [i.1], and removed from the requirements in the Harmonized EN 302 217-2-2 [i.4]. It is assumed that no system in the past might have exceeded that value.

**exceptional size/gain:** maximum antenna dish size and its practical associated gain that are still found in most antenna supplier standard catalogues (at the date of publication of the present document)

NOTE: It then excludes any possible special design dedicated to a specific link.

**typical maximum output power:** typical current (i.e. only for recent and new deployment of systems potentially available on the market) maximum power achievable in point-to-point FS technology

NOTE: In the present document it is separately indicated for the various systems defined in EN 302 217-2-2 [i.4].



**typical maximum antenna size/gain:** typical current (i.e. only for recent and new deployment of systems currently on the market) maximum antenna dish size and its practical associated gain in point-to-point FS technology (e.g. limited in many cases by ambient and tower infrastructures constraints)

NOTE: In the present document it is separately indicated for the various systems defined in EN 302 217-2-2 [i.4].

## 3.2 Symbols

For the purposes of the present document, the following symbols apply:

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| dB              | deciBel                                    |
| dB <sub>i</sub> | deciBels relative to an isotropic radiator |
| dB <sub>m</sub> | deciBels relative to 1 milliWatt           |
| dBW             | deciBels relative to 1 Watt                |
| GHz             | GigaHertz                                  |
| kbit/s          | kilo-bits per second                       |
| m               | meter                                      |
| Mbit/s          | Mega-bits per second                       |
| MHz             | MegaHertz                                  |
| O <sub>2</sub>  | Oxygen                                     |

## 3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

|           |   |
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| ACAP      | Adjacent Channel Alternate Polarization   |
| ACCP      | Adjacent Channel Co-Polarization  |
| ATPC      | Automatic Transmit Power Control  |
| AU        | Administrative Unit   |
| CCDP      | Co-Channel Dual Polarized   |
| CEPT      | Conférence des administrations Européennes des Postes et Télécommunications   |
| E.I.R.P.  | Equivalent Isotropically Radiated Power   |
| EC        | European Community  |
| ECC       | Electronic Communication Committee of the CEPT  |
| ERC       | European Radiocommunications Committee of the CEPT, presently become ECC  |
| FDD       | Frequency Division Duplex   |
| FS        | Fixed Service   |
| FSK       | Frequency Shift Keying  |
| HEN       | Harmonized European Standard  |
| L6        | Lower 6 GHz (5,925 GHz to 6,425 GHz) band   |
| OOK       | On-Off Keying   |
| PDH       | Plesiochronous Digital Hierarchy  |
| R&TTE     | Radio equipment and Telecommunications Terminal Equipment   |
| RF        | Radio Frequency   |
| RTPC      | Remote Transmit Power Control   |
| RX        | Receive   |
| SDH       | Synchronous Digital Hierarchy   |
| sSTM-1k   | Synchronous Transport Module of k times VC-12 equivalent payload (k=1, 2, 4, 8, 16)   |
| sSTM-2n   | Synchronous Transport Module of n times VC-2 equivalent payload (n=1, 2, 4)   |
| STM-0     | Synchronous Transport Module Level 0 (51,840 Mbit/s AU-3 equivalent payload)  |
| STM-1     | Synchronous Transport Module Level 1 (155,520 Mbit/s)   |
| STM-4     | Synchronous Transport Module Level 4 (622,080 Mbit/s)   |
| Sub-STM-0 | Generic term for a number of low capacity SDH transport modules (sSTM-1k or sSTM-2n) defined by Recommendation ITU-T G.708 [i.14] |
| TDD       | Time Division Duplex  |
| TX        | Transmit or Transmitter   |
| U6        | Upper 6 GHz (6,425 GHz to 7,125 GHz) band   |
| VC        | Virtual Container   |



## 4 Parameters to be used in sharing and compatibility analyses

### 4.1 Technology/Application limited maximum transmit power

#### 4.1.1 Introduction and systems subdivisions

Systems in the EN 302 217-2-2 [i.4] and/or EN 302 217-3 [i.5] are roughly subdivided by operating bands from 1,4 GHz to 2,6 GHz, from 3 GHz to 11 GHz (with channel separations up to about 56 MHz, but excluding 40 MHz case), from 3 GHz to 11 GHz (40 MHz channels), from 13 GHz to 18 GHz, from 23 GHz to 55 GHz, from 57 GHz to 66 GHz and from 71 GHz to 86 GHz.

The system capacities, originally tailored to hierarchical PDH or SDH rate, are now considered generically covering any signal including packet data rates (e.g. Ethernet as most common one).

According Recommendation ITU-R F.746 [i.12], system capacity is roughly subdivided into:

- Small capacity (payload  $\leq$  10 Mbit/s)
- Medium capacity (payload  $\leq$  100 Mbit/s)
- High capacity (payload  $>$  100 Mbit/s)

The system requirements further detailed in EN 302 217-2-2 [i.4] and/or EN 302 217-3 [i.5] are hereby summarized.

##### 4.1.1.1 Systems in frequency bands 1,4 GHz to 2,6 GHz

Annex A of EN 302 217-2-2 [i.4] covers the following different system typologies:

- Low capacity point-to-point digital radio systems operating in the 1,4 GHz frequency band.
- Low and medium capacity point-to-point digital radio systems operating in the frequency range 2,1 GHz to 2,6 GHz.

##### 4.1.1.2 Systems in frequency bands from 3 GHz to 11 GHz with $\sim$ 30 MHz or lower channel separations and $\sim$ 60 MHz channel separation)

Annex B of EN 302 217-2-2 [i.4] covers the following different system typologies:

- Low and medium capacity digital radio systems.
- High capacity digital radio systems (e.g. carrying up to 1 or 2  $\times$  STM-1 or equivalent packet data capacity signals) in frequency bands with about 30 MHz or about 60 MHz channel separation and using Adjacent Channel Co- Polar arrangements (ACCP) or doubled capacity (up to STM-4 or equivalent packet data capacity) with Co-Channel Dual Polar (CCDP) operation.
- High capacity digital radio systems (e.g. carrying 1 or 2  $\times$  STM-1 or equivalent packet data capacity signals) and operating in frequency bands with about 30 MHz or about 60 MHz channel separation with alternated arrangements (ACAP).

##### 4.1.1.3 Systems in frequency bands from 3 GHz to 11 GHz with 40 MHz channel separations

Annex C of EN 302 217-2-2 [i.4] covers the following different system typologies:

- High capacity fixed radio systems (e.g. carrying up to 2  $\times$  STM-1 or equivalent packet data capacity signals) in frequency bands with 40 MHz channel separation and using Adjacent Channel Co-Polar arrangements (ACCP); or doubled capacity (up to STM-4 or equivalent packet data capacity) with Co-channel Dual Polarized (CCDP) operation.